



MINUTES OF THE WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2021

Washoe County Senior Center, Reno, Nevada 89512
Game Room
&
Zoom Webinar

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78207944707?pwd=ZkgvSHFXeUxzMkNlRXNaWHd3R1F1dz09>

1. ***Call To Order** - Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Chair- Dr. Larry Weiss.
2. ***Roll Call** – Dr. Larry Weiss asked for the roll call; Sandra Vasquez took the roll. There was a quorum present via in person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT VIRTUALLY

Dr. Larry Weiss
Barbara Korosa
Linda Hardie

Rick Sorensen
Sarah Deardorff
Deborah Whitehouse
Donna Clontz

ABSENT (EXCUSED*)

* Jennifer McMenomy
*James Doyle
Mark Miranda

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Steve McBride
Abby Willrich
Dorothy Edwards

Sandra Vasquez
Herbert Kaplan (DA)

ADVISOR PRESENT

ADVISOR (ABSENT)
Victoria Edmondson
Connie McMullen

3. ***Public Comment** –
Tim Johnston from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) introduced himself and stated there is a BBB for homebound seniors, for more information, the phone number is 284-0277.
4. ***Member Announcements** –
Donna stated her and Larry's term will be ending soon and there will be an opening for chair and vice chair for the Board.

5. Approval of the Agenda for the Advisory Board Meeting on June 2, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Donna Clontz and seconded by Linda Hardie.
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Minutes for the Advisory Board Meeting on April 7, 2021 (For Possible Action)

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick Sorensen and seconded by Donna Clontz.
Motion passed unanimously.

7. *Presentation and update regarding behavioral health, including current regional policy boards legislation that impacts seniors – Dorothy Edwards, Washoe County Human Services Agency Behavioral Health Coordinator

Attachment: [Behavioral Health Summary \(washoecounty.us\)](http://washoecounty.us)

Dorothy presents on behavioral health (see attachment).

Dorothy states they received daily COVID lists and they were able to call and do well checks. If they determined people needed them, they could provide information; the grant for this was extended through July. They were able to connect with seniors that had COVID and sometimes provide service. The Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) is a team of mental health clinicians. When COVID started, the clinicians were pulled from the car for about 4 months. Dorothy reports on the legislator session, the number of bills in regard to behavioral health have increased. Washoe County's BDR is SB69, they would be able to provide services such as clinicians. It is similar to peer support specialist, but the person needs to be certified. Senate Bill 390 is a huge bill, it is the mental health version of 911, it should roll out July 16, 2022.

8. *Update, discussion, and potential Washoe County issues and activities including housing, transportation, and meal program to seniors – Steve McBride, Division Director

Steve stated they have centers open and have a hybrid system going on, people can dine in or also get their meal to go. Activities are also starting up again at the centers.

9. *Update on Sparks Senior Citizen Advisory Committee - Donald Abbott

Donald stated they will be having their next meeting at the Larry D Johnson building.

10. Update, report, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding age friendly communities sponsored by AARP throughout the county and cities (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz

Donna stated since things are opening up again, they are getting surveys filled out from the community to be able to open up again. Donna stated she will put together a one page summary about the findings and give it to Sandra so she can send it out later. Some of the things people are interested in are housekeeping help, low cost internet and cell phone, home repairs, yardwork, and recreation activities. There seems to be a disconnect on all of these things. The survey helps get a look at the baseline of what people know.

11. Update, discussion, and possible recommendations regarding the Friendly Visitor Calls project to selected Washoe County seniors (For Possible Action)

Donna reported that there are 12 callers, and some are from the Board. They would like to put out flyers of this project out in the community. The last flyer that was put out had Donna's information, Donna stated that maybe the new flyer can have 9th Street Center's phone number

and this way keep the program going. Donna stated she appreciates the referrals from Sierra Manor and Reno Housing.

12. *Report and discussion on Jennifer McMenemy, District 2, resignation to the Senior Advisory Board

Larry stated there is no discussion, stated they will need to look for a District 2 member.

13. Report, discussion, and possible recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding recruiting a new Advisory Board Member for Alternate (For Possible Action)

a. Application from Ethan Hovest

Attachments: [6-02-21 Ethan Hovest App Redacted.pdf \(washoecounty.us\)](#)
[6-02-21 Hovest Resume.pdf \(washoecounty.us\)](#)

Ethan introduced himself and stated he is motivated by Washoe County and what is going on. He currently works in behavioral health and is in school for his doctorate.

Larry requested that Ethan Hovest and Mary Ann McCauley be on July's agenda.

14. Discussion and possible recommendations on types of senior social recreation activities that may resume in 2021 at Washoe County operated facilities (For Possible Action)

Steve stated they would like to consider recreational activities and rotate as necessary. They don't want to limit the public on what they can do. There are a lot of people at Paradise Park that would like to do activities. Marsy stated she had collected a dozen surveys, Donna thanked Abbott for helping with the surveys. Sarah stated she sent out the surveys to the big building as well.

15. *Report and discussion regarding Older Americans Month 2021

Steve reports Older Americans Month went well. He appreciates everyone's teamwork and also thanks Donna for attending the May 18 BCC meeting for the proclamation.

16. *Report and discussion regarding Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors 2021

Steve reports there was tremendous support from the Board and others. There is a great supply of essentials items for seniors that were donated, donated items came to about \$12,000 value in total. They managed to get the bus loaded before it started raining hard. Larry compliments the staff and KOLO. Rick stated he was impressed by the large donations and Chris Ciarlo.

17. Discussion and possible recommendation on 2021 Nevada legislation relating to seniors (For Possible Action) – Connie McMullen

Connie was not able to attend, but Larry presented the attachment.

Attachment: [6-02-21 Governor Sisolak Signs Legislation Supporting Nevada Caregivers.pdf \(washoecounty.us\)](#)

Linda stated she commends Connie for all the work she does.

Donna stated SB 190 is about caregivers being able to use sick leave to take care of a loved one. Most of the bills that were supported were passed.

18. Report, discussion, possible recommendations and updates on the Advisory Board member's Shared Issues and Goals for Housing, Advocacy, Communication & Information, Data Planning, Transportation, Nutrition Programs, Social & Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteering, Financing, and Social & Health Services (For Possible Action)

Attachment: [6-02-21 Joint Goals Wrksht.pdf \(washoeconomy.us\)](#)

No reports.

19. Report, discussion, and possible recommendations on senior board members to attend ongoing Washoe County public meetings (For Possible Action)

Attachment: [6-02-21 Monthly Washoe County Public Meetings Chart.pdf](#)

No reports.

20. *Advisory Board Members' announcements, reports and updates to include requests for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Advisory Board Members will take place on this item.)

None.

20. *Public comment –

None.

21. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion to adjourn was made by Linda Hardie and seconded by Rick Sorensen. Motion was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.